

The same thing has happened in regard to Medicaid. And it's really sad what we have done to the American people, and especially to the poor and the lower-income and the working people of this country in these two programs. And if we don't—if we aren't very careful, and if we don't put many free market and free enterprise-type measures and reforms into these bills, then these costs are going to explode, and the poor and the lower-income people and the middle income people are going to be hurt even more by programs that are, as I say, the "tyranny of good intentions."

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

AMERICA'S DEALERSHIPS NEED A MIRACLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. MANZULLO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, in less than 48 hours the doors of hundreds of GMC dealers across the Nation and Chevy dealers will be closed. General Motors, now a State-owned enterprise with 60 percent of the stock belonging to the American people and with the directors appointed by the Auto Task Force, capriciously, willfully, unjustly sent out letters to so many of their GM dealers terminating their dealerships at end of this week, dealers who had been asked, in many cases, a few years before to invest millions of dollars of their own in order to promote the GM brand and dealers whose families go back three and four generations, some 85 to 90 years of continuous ownership of service to the community, and their doors will be shut by GM as a result of a letter. And the letter has completely changed the rules as to why they should stay open.

Dealerships that are profitable, dealerships that add to the community, dealerships that pump billions of dollars into State and local sales tax coffers, closed by a letter, without explanation. How outrageous. So outrageous that the majority leader of the House of Representatives, STENY HOYER, whom I joined in a press conference just a few hours ago, made these statements:

"Two Sundays ago, I was on a telephone call with the folks at the White House who are helping to make our policy with respect to this, and I asked them this: 'What money does it save the manufacturer, General Motors or Chrysler, if you shut down the dealership?' The answer: Zero, zero, zero."

This is the official answer from the Auto Task Force to the majority lead-

er of the United States House of Representatives.

We sent letters to General Motors, we sent letters to the Auto Task Force, and all we get is silence. The destruction of a family business after 90 years does not deserve silence in America. It deserves the outrage of America saying, How dare you close down these dealerships when it cost you no money to keep them open?

We asked General Motors and Chrysler, tell us the reasons why you're doing it. And do you know what they say? It's to lessen competition. That means Americans have less choice. That means prices get higher. And isn't it ironic that the American taxpayer, who has paid \$60 billion to keep open these companies, now will see his local dealership closed because the guys at GM want to lessen competition. What's good for General Motors isn't good for America today.

A bill introduced by several Marylanders, including CHRIS VAN HOLLEN and FRANK KRATOVIL, H.R. 2743, solves the problem. We need that bill to pass by some miracle before Friday.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MORAN of Kansas addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MCCLINTOCK addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. BISHOP) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BISHOP of Utah addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. PAULSEN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PAULSEN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. GOHMERT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BROWN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BROWN of Georgia addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

PRO-LIFE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. SCHMIDT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to shine the light on a subject where I do not believe this administration's actions are living up to its rhetoric. Whether it was said on the campaign trail or in speeches during his time in office, the President has certainly tried to sound reasonable on the issue of life, but the administration's actions belie its words.

During a campaign appearance at the Saddleback Civil Forum with Pastor Rick Warren on August 17, 2008, then-candidate Barack Obama made clear that his goal was to "reduce the number of abortions." In fact, he said that he had inserted this into the Democratic Party platform: "How do we reduce the number of abortions?"

Now, given the administration's expressed support for Roe v. Wade, I never expected, nor do not expect it, to suddenly reverse its course. However, one way to reduce the number of abortions in a way that works and one that is a common-ground issue for the American people is not to allow taxpayer-funded abortions. Violating the consciousness of millions of pro-life Americans to fund a procedure which they object to based on a deeply held religious belief, a moral belief, by allowing taxpayers to fund abortions actually increases the number of abortions performed, according to the Guttmacher Institute through research on Planned Parenthood.

Honoring the deeply held religious and moral beliefs of millions of taxpayers by restricting taxpayer-funded abortions actually decreases abortions by about 30 percent. So that is one way to reduce the number of abortions, something that the President has said he would like to do. But since taking office, this administration has actually worked to increase taxpayer funding for abortions at both home and abroad. The first was the Mexico City Policy.

The Mexico City Policy was first promulgated in 1984 and renewed by the Bush administration in 2001. This is a very simple policy that says, as a condition for receipt of U.S. family planning aid, foreign, nongovernmental organizations and international organizations must certify that they neither perform nor actively promote abortion as a method of family planning. Simply